



**SPRING 2012 Southern Great Plains
Drought Outlook and Assessment Forum**

April 26, 2011

Texas Tech University
International Cultural Center
601 Indiana Ave
Lubbock, TX

Outlook Session

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| 9:30am | Registration and refreshments |
| 10:00am | Welcome

David Brown, Southern Regional Climate Services Director, NOAA/NCDC
John Zak, Texas Tech Climate Science Center |
| 10:10am | Regional climate services in response to the Southern Plains drought, 2010-2012

Mark Shafer, Oklahoma Climate Survey, Southern Climate Impacts Planning Program (SCIPP) University of Oklahoma |
| 10:30am | Current Status and Evolution of the Southern Plains/Southern Rockies 2010-2012 Drought

Victor Murphy, Climate Services Program Manager, National Weather Service |
| 11:00am | Long-Term Trends in Southern Plains Drought

David DuBois, New Mexico State Climatologist, New Mexico State University |
| 11:30am | Long-Lead Climate Outlook and the Role of La Nina in Southern Plains Drought

Klaus Wolter, Research Scientist University of Colorado |
| 12:00pm | Catered Lunch and Press Conference |

Assessment Session

- 12:30 Management Panel: Drought Impacts in West Texas and Eastern New Mexico**
Mr. Steve Verett, Executive Vice President, Plains Cotton Growers Inc, Lubbock, TX
Ms. Heather Whitlaw, Coordinator, Great Plains Landscape Conservation Cooperative,
Texas Tech University
Dr. John Burke, Director, USDA, ARS Cropping Systems Research Lab, Lubbock, TX
Dr. Calvin Trostle, Extension Agronomist, Texas Agrilife Research and Extension
Center, Lubbock, TX
Mr. Jay Yates, Risk Management, Texas Agrilife Research and Extension Center,
Lubbock, TX
Ms. Steelee Fishbacher, Communication Director, Texas Wheat Producers Board and
Association, Amarillo, TX
Mr. Aubrey Spear, Director, Water Resources, City of Lubbock
- 2:00 A Drought Planning Scenario Exercise: Lessons from Colorado**

Taryn Hutchins-Cabibi Colorado Water Conservation Board Department of Natural
Resources
- 2:30 The Next Steps: Assessment, Bilateral Coordination, and Sustaining Partnerships**

Chad McNutt, National Integrated Drought Information System, NOAA/OAR
David Brown, Southern Regional Climate Services Director, NOAA/NCDC
Mark Shafer, Oklahoma Climate Survey, University of Oklahoma
- 3:00 Adjourn**